

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-7, 15, 16, 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 8 and 9 by way of replacement, as follows:

1. (Amended) A light panel, comprising:

a backing sheet provided with at least one mirrored surface;

a diffuser sheet opposing said at least one mirrored surface of said backing sheet, and configured to diffuse light; and

an edging strip connecting an edge of said backing sheet to an edge of said diffuser sheet, and configured to support a plurality of point light sources, wherein:

said point light sources are lenses illuminated via optical fibers; and

said point light sources are directed at an acute angle towards said backing sheet.

2. (Original) The light panel according to claim 1, wherein:

said point light sources are directed at an angle of between 10 and 15 degrees relative to a plane containing said backing sheet.

3. (Original) The light panel according to claim 2, wherein:

said point light sources are directed at an angle of substantially 12 degrees relative to a plane containing said backing sheet.

4-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Amended) A light panel, comprising:

a backing sheet provided with at least one mirrored surface;

a diffuser sheet opposing said at least one mirrored surface of said backing sheet, and configured to diffuse light; and

an edging strip connecting an edge of said backing sheet to an edge of said diffuser sheet, and configured to support a plurality of point light sources;

said point light sources directed at an acute angle towards said backing sheet

~~The light panel according to claim 1, wherein:~~

said edging strip comprises:

a reflective inner surface oriented at an acute angle relative to a plane normal to said backing sheet.

9. (Amended) The light panel according to claim 8, wherein:

[.]said reflective inner surface is oriented at an angle of between 10 and 15 degrees relative to a plane normal to said backing sheet.

10. (Original) The light panel according to claim 9, wherein:

said reflective inner surface is oriented at an angle of substantially 12 degrees relative to a plane normal to said backing sheet.

11. (Original) The light panel according to claim 9, wherein:

said point light sources are light emitting diodes.

12. (Original) The light panel according to claim 9, wherein:

said point light sources are lenses illuminated via optical fibers.

13. (Original) The light panel according to claim 1, wherein:

a thickness of said panel, comprising said diffuser sheet, said backing sheet and a space therebetween, is no greater than 0.75 inches.

14. (Original) The light panel according to claim 13, wherein:

a thickness of said panel, comprising said diffuser sheet, said backing sheet and a space therebetween, is no greater than 0.675 inches.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) The light panel according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mask arranged to partially cover said diffuser sheet, such that light from said point light sources passes through at least one opening therein.

18. (Original) The light panel according to claim 17, wherein:

said at least one opening in said mask is in the shape of an alphanumeric character.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)